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### Mukul Deva on his literary pursuits



New Delhi, March 09: Ex-armyman Mukul Deva, whose literary pursuit has resulted in thrillers like "Lashkar" and "Salm Must Die", says the tag of the country's first military writer no doubt puts him under pressure but on the same hand helps him come out with "pacy, prescient and informative" works.

"It feels good for sure (to be called the country's first military writer. However, it also puts pressure on me to deliver on the expectations. As a result, I've worked quite hard to ensure that each book is better than the previous one - as pacy, prescient and informative as possible," the army officer who prematurely retired and started his security business in New Delhi said.

He feels his stint in the army has enabled him to give more insight to his novels.

"Having been in action gives me an undeniable edge when I write about it. Also a deeper insight into the various facets of terrorism and how they actually play out on the ground. Several people have told me after reading my work that the action is so real, they can literally smell the gun powder," Deva told reporters in an interview.

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